



# The United States Army Band

## "Pershing's Own"

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Director, The U.S. Army Concert Band

A native of Hardin, Montana, Colonel Gary F. Lamb graduated high school in Alliance, Nebraska; earned Bachelor and Master degrees in music from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and a Doctor of Musical Arts, in conducting, from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Prior to his military career, he was a public school teacher in Nebraska, sang leading roles as an operatic tenor, and served as Musical Director of the Nebraska Repertory Theater in Lincoln.

His assignments include: the Armed Forces School of Music, Norfolk, VA; the Army Ground Forces Band in Atlanta, GA; the U.S. Army Field Band at Ft. Meade, MD; Staff Bands Officer for U.S. Army, Europe, in Heidelberg, Germany; and The U.S. Army Band in Washington, D.C. In 1995 Colonel Lamb returned to Heidelberg, Germany, as Commander of the U.S. Army, Europe, Band and Chorus performing in thirteen European countries. Most notable were performances for the deployed troops in Hungary, Croatia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina during which time his unit received the Army Superior Unit Award. In May of 1998, he took the band to St. Petersburg, Russia, for The Third International Festival of Bands. Following that tour, he served as Department of the Army Staff Bands Officer. In 1998 he traveled to Moscow, Russia, to conduct the Ministry of Defense Orchestra of the Federation of Russia, the first U.S. military band officer invited to do so.

Colonel Lamb returned in April 2000 to become the seventh Leader and Commander of The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Since that time, Colonel Lamb has led "Pershing's Own" in the revival of Spirit of America, performed for thousands at the Brisbane (Australia) International Festival and Tattoo, and led the organization during the recent inauguration of President George W. Bush. During his previous assignment to The U.S. Army Band, he served as Director of The Army Chorale, Director of The Army Chorus, and as Deputy Commander. He conducted performances for Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton. He took The Army Chorus to Turkey on its first overseas tour and, with that group, conducted the Les Brown Band of Renown at a Bob Hope Gala in California. He also directed The Army Chorus and members of the National Symphony Orchestra for the annual Victory Award Celebration at the Kennedy Center.

Colonel Lamb is a member of the American Bandmasters Association, the National Band Association, and the World Association for Symphonic Band Ensembles. His military awards include the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the NATO medal. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

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